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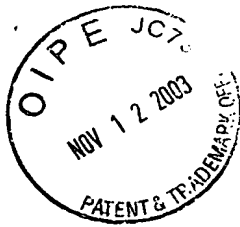
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REMARKS

Both of the presently submitted references listed on Form PTO/SB/08A, i.e., Cite Nos. F1 and F2, are not in English.

Concise Explanation of Relevance/Copy of Translation
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)

A concise explanation of the relevance of Cite Nos. F1 and F2 is incorporated into the specification in the present application at paragraphs [0005] and [0006], and [0007] and [0008], respectively.

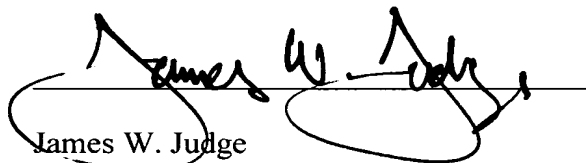
Furthermore, a machine-translated abstract, available through the Japanese Patent Office Web site, is attached to the front of each reference.

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Respectfully submitted,

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